

Advising Strategy

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All Texans receive holistic and equitable advising that propels them to obtain credentials of value.

A holistic advising system provides support to Learners and Supporters. It engages the ‘whole’ Learner by considering their emotional, economic, cognitive, social, and physical well-being. It enables Learners to develop the knowledge and skills to make informed academic and career decisions throughout their entire credential attainment journey.

An equitable advising system actively opposes systemic injustices by prioritizing support for Texans with disproportionate barriers to educational achievement.

Credentials of value are educational credentials (e.g., degrees, certificates, and other credentials) that enable Learners who complete those credentials to receive annual earnings that surpass a minimum economic threshold within three years after receiving the credential.

A theory of change for Texas advising



Underpinning the strategies and actions are a set of equity and sustainability principles that help us make the north star a reality.



Equity Principles

- 1 Disaggregate data to understand where disparities exist.
- 2 Design solutions with a focus on those experiencing disproportionate barriers.
- 3 Provide solutions that can be customized to meet specific needs.
- 4 Set intentions for where and how efforts are piloted and scaled.

Sustainability Principles

- 1 Ensure the right organizational capacity.
- 2 Work through partnerships to drive efficiency.
- 3 Plan for and provide a stable source of funds.
- 4 Take a long-term view when planning for implementation.
- 5 Use a data-driven approach to evaluation and iteration.
- 6 Evolve the strategy to reflect best practices in privacy and security.

Advising Resources

Available Now

- Texas OnCourse Academy

Coming Soon

- My Texas Future
- MapMyPath

Explore different paths towards a degree:

The dashboard features a vertical sidebar on the left with icons for Account, Admin, Dashboard, Courses, History, Search, Commons, and Help. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and includes a search bar. It displays a grid of resource cards:

- Module Directory** (purple background)
- Financial Aid** - Financial Aid Application Process (green background)
- Financial Aid** - Scholarship Application Process (green background)
- Financial Aid** - College Cost (blue background)
- Financial Aid** - Financial Aid: Foundational Knowledge (blue background)
- Postsecondary Pathways** - Admission and Application Process (blue background)

This section displays a comparison of completed courses and potential paths. It includes:

- Completed Courses (10)**: A card showing a checklist icon and the text "Your Completed Courses". Below it, a list of courses: ACCT 2301 Principles of Accounting I - Financial and ACCT 2302 Principles of Accounting II - Managerial.
- Potential Paths (2)**: Two cards for "Accounting (General), BBA" paths. The first is from the University of Texas, Austin, with a 17% completion rate. The second is from Rio Grande Valley, Texas, with a 26% completion rate. Each card includes a "View Path" button and a list of courses that count towards the path.
- Add another path to compare**: A button with a plus sign icon.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Texas OnCourse Academy

by Texas OnCourse

[Educators: register or login](#)

Academy Modules

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Postsecondary Pathways: Foundational Knowledge

- 📍 Advising All Students To Be College Ready

Admission and Application Process

- 📍 ApplyTexas
- 📍 Common Application (Common App)
- 📍 NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Centers
- 📍 Coalition Application
- 📍 Military Academy Applications

Entrance and Placement Exams

- 📍 SAT
- 📍 ACT
- 📍 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

Postsecondary Research

- 📍 Researching Postsecondary Options

SPECIALTIES

Transition Advising

- 📍 Transition Services for Students with Disabilities

Advising Highly Mobile Populations

- 📍 Advising Highly Mobile Students

Middle School College and Career

- 📍 Starting Early: College and Career Readiness in Middle School

SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

College Finances and Beyond

- 📍 FAFSA and TASFA: Helping Students Get and Keep Financial Aid
- 📍 Dollars and Sense: Supporting Student Financial Wellness

Holistic College Ready Advising

- 📍 Student Advising with College Readiness and Equity in Mind

Academy Modules

CAREER PATHWAYS

Career Pathways: Foundational Knowledge

- 📍 Basic Principles of Career Pathways

Career Exploration

- 📍 Career Assessments

Academic Planning

- 📍 High School Personal Graduation Plan
- 📍 Career Clusters, Pathways, and Endorsements

Career Planning

- 📍 Career Outlook

Career Learning Experience

- 📍 Work-Based Learning Experiences

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid: Foundational Knowledge

- 📍 Basic Principles of Financial Aid

Financial Aid Application Process

- 📍 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 📍 Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
- 📍 CSS Profile

Scholarship Application Process

- 📍 Scholarship Applications
- 📍 National Merit Scholarship Program

College Cost

- 📍 College Finances

Digital Learning works

For counselors, completing all TXOC modules is associated with the same growth in knowledge as 11-30 years of experience.



When educators use Texas OnCourse, they report that their confidence in their knowledge doubles.

Coming Soon: Map My Path



- Interested in participating in a 2023 release? Email, Laura.Brennan@highered.Texas.gov

- Improve the process of credit transfer and application
- Enable new insights about the design and delivery of undergraduate education

Explore different paths towards a degree:

Completed Courses (10)	Potential Paths (2)		
<p>Your Completed Courses Enter the courses you've completed to see which help you towards a degree.</p> <p>Edit Courses</p>	<p>21 of 120 Credits</p> <p>17%</p> <p>Accounting (General), BBA University of Texas, Austin Based on Recommendation Course Sequence</p> <p>View Path</p>	<p>31 of 120 Credits</p> <p>26%</p> <p>Accounting (General), BBA Rio Grande Valley, Texas</p> <p>View Path</p>	<p>+ Add another path to compare</p>
<p>ACCT 2301 Principles of Accounting I - Financial</p>	<p>✔ Counts for: ACC 312 Fundamentals of Mana...</p>	<p>✔ Counts for: ACCT 2301 Intro to Financial Acc...</p>	
<p>ACCT 2302 Principles of Accounting II - Managerial</p>	<p>✔ Counts for: ACC 311 Fundamentals of Financ...</p>	<p>✔ Counts for: ACCT 2302 Introduction to Manag...</p>	
<p>DPIC 1306</p>	<p>✔ Counts for:</p>	<p>✔ Counts for:</p>	

Coming Soon: My Texas Future

We will propel Texans at key transition points to earn a credential of value in the labor market.

September Release:

- Propelling adult learners to attain credentials
- Connect Texans to digital resources and humans to help them carve a path forward
- Facilitate connections to institutions, and initiate a warm-handoff of student information to institutions

Future state:

- Expand to serve K12 students in navigating college and career
- Leverage student data and milestone completion to target timely and helpful interventions
- Expand and scale high-impact tools to new audience groups (e.g. ADVi)
- Connect the discrete resources into one seamless student user-experience